

# Neighborhood Safety Newsletter



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OWNERSHIP

## Vehicle Safety

The colder months are quickly approaching making this is a good time to address vehicle safety. Never leave your vehicle running to warm up while you go back inside. The Sacramento Police Department would like to remind you that leaving your vehicle with the keys in it, even for a quick moment to run back inside for a forgotten item, can make you a victim of an auto theft.

In addition, see below for more helpful hints to keep your vehicle safe, and together we can “Make Sacramento the Safest Big City in California.”

To reduce your chances of becoming a victim of vehicle theft or burglary, keep these simple tips in mind:

- When leaving your vehicle, always roll up windows and lock the doors. Even if you plan to return quickly to your vehicle, it only takes a moment to become a victim of a theft.
- Use a car alarm and alarm decals, if available. These can deter would-be criminals from selecting your vehicle.
- Use a steering wheel locking device.
- If you have a garage – use it to store your vehicle, not just your stuff. This sounds simple but it is very effective.
- If you park in a parking lot or structure, take your parking ticket or access card with you; it's the thief's ticket out of the parking garage, too.
- Do not leave valuables in your vehicle, but if you must, make sure they aren't visible. If you are going to put items in your trunk, do so prior to reaching your destination in case any would-be criminals are watching you park.

- Leave the center console, ashtray and glove box open to show there is nothing valuable in them.

### Keeping Yourself Safe

- Park in a well-lit and highly visible location.
- Check the backseat before entering your vehicle.
- Always remain aware of your surroundings!
- Have the keys ready in your hand before reaching your vehicle. Most key fobs have a panic button on them, use it!
- If something or someone does not feel right to you, it probably is not – act, don't ignore it!
- If you observe any suspicious persons or activity, immediately report this to parking security or contact the police:
  - \*\* 911 for emergencies
  - \*\* 916-264-5471 Sac PD Non-Emergency
  - \*\* 916-732-0100 Sac PD Emergency

### Remember crime prevention is simple:

- Don't create temptation
- Use the prevention tools built into your vehicle
- Use your common sense!

See our [Vehicle Safety](#) video.

Thank you for helping us in “Making Sacramento the Safest Big City in California!”

